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Incident: **Cell Phone Use in School Zones**

MESSAGE

In anticipation of the upcoming school year, the Rockford Police Department would like to remind citizens that cell phone usage is prohibited in school zones. This law is in place to help ensure the safety of the children and the school employees within these zones.

According to the Illinois Vehicle code in 625 ILCS 5/12-610.1

1. No cell phone use is permitted in a school speed zone.
2. A person under the age of 19 who holds an instruction permit or
3. a person who holds a graduated drivers license may not use a cell phone while driving at any time other than during an emergency to call for assistance.

It is permissible, for persons *other* than a person under the age of 19 who holds an instruction permit or a person who holds a graduated drivers license, to use a cell phone in voice activated / speaker mode.

Officers of the Rockford Police Department will be working details in school zones to assure compliance.

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